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MATERIAL AND METHODS OF
MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2005 setting forth a four-way restriction requirement between:

Group I (Claims 62 to 85) drawn to an energy absorbing material comprising a carrier and a dilatent material;

Group II (Claims 86 to 92) drawn to an energy absorbing material comprising a woven or knitted fabric;

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Group III (Claims 93 to 96) drawn to a method of making energy absorbing material comprising a carrier and a dilatent material including the step of impregnating molten dilatent into the carrier; and

Group IV (Claims 97 to 99) drawn to a method of making energy absorbing material comprising a carrier and a dilatent material including the step of pouring solvent thinned dilatent onto a carrier,

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Group I (Claims 62 to 85) for prosecution on the merits in this application.

Additionally, in the Office Action mailed December 12, 2005, an Election of Species Requirement was made to the following species:

Group A: spacer fabric;

Group B: foam;

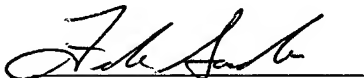
Group C: fleece; and

Group D: core of dilatent material.

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elect, with traverse, the species of Group A (spacer fabric). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 62-85 are readable thereon.

In view of the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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